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Post Office Department,

OFFICE OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT P. M. GENERAL,

Washington, D. C., SEP 25 1882, 188 .

Sir: Before the Postmaster General decides upon the application for a new post office at Bland, County of Elbert, State of Colorado at which you are recommended for postmaster, he requires that the blanks in the following statement be filled, and the questions carefully and correctly answered, verified by your signature, certified by a neighboring postmaster, and returned to this Department, addressed to me. The contractor should be informed of this application; and if the site of the proposed office be off the mail route, you will forward his certificate as to the practicability of supplying it, and also as to the increase of distance. If the proposed office is not on any route now under contract, it can only be established as a "*Special Office*," to be supplied without expense to the Department other than net proceeds.

Be careful to designate the post offices by their true official names; and answer the subjoined queries fully and accurately, *or the case will not be acted upon.*

Very respectfully,

FRANK HATTON,
First Assistant Postmaster General.

To Mr. Charles May Kiowa Colo
care of the Postmaster of Kiowa Colo, who will please forward to him.

STATEMENT.

The proposed office to be called Bland

Select a short name for the proposed office, which, when written, will not resemble the name of any other post office in the United States.

It will be situated in the ____ quarter of Section 8, Township 7 (North or South), Range 60 (~~East~~ West), in the County of Elbert, State of Colorado

It will be on or near route No. 38191, being the route from Deer Trail to Kiowa, on which the mail is now carried three times per week.

The contractor's name is ____

Will it be *directly on this route?*—*Ans.* yes

If not, how far from, and on which side of it?—*Ans.* ~~—~~

How much will it INCREASE the travel of the mail one way each trip?—*Ans.* none

Where will the mail leave the present route to supply the proposed office?—*Ans.* ✓

Where intersect the route again?—*Ans.* ____

What post office will be left out by this change?—*Ans.* none

If not on any route, is a "*Special Office*" wanted?—*Ans.* No To be supplied from ____

The name of the nearest office to the proposed one, *on the same route*, is Deer Trail

its distance is twelve miles in a Northern direction from the proposed office.

The name of the nearest office on the same route, *on the other side*, is Kyhns Crossing

its distance is thirteen miles, in a Southern direction from the proposed office.

The name of the nearest office to the proposed one, not on this route, is ____

distance by the most direct road ____ miles, in a ____ direction from the proposed office.

The name of the most prominent river near it is South Platte

The name of the nearest creek is Muddy

The proposed office will be 65 miles from said river, on the South side of it, and will be on miles from said nearest creek, on the East side of it.

The name of the nearest railroad is Kansas Pacific

If on the line of or near a railroad, on which side will the office be located; how far from the track; and what is, or will be, the name of the station?—*Ans.* ✓

What will be the distance from the proposed site to the nearest *flag station*?—*Ans.* ✓

State name of station: ✓

What will be the distance from the proposed site to the nearest station at which *mail* trains make *regular stops*?—*Ans.* ✓

State name of station? ✓

If the proposed office is located where it can be supplied from a crane or flag station, or located over 80 rods from the station where mail trains make regular stops, will the mail be carried to and from the proposed office without expense to the Department?—*Ans.* ✓

If it be a village, state the number of inhabitants.—*Ans.* ____

Also, the population to be supplied by proposed office.—*Ans.* ____

A *diagram, or sketch from a map*, showing the position of the proposed new office, with neighboring river or creek, roads, and other post offices, towns, or villages near it, will be useful, and is therefore desired.

A correct map of the locality might be furnished by the county surveyor, but this must be without expense to the Post Office Department.

ALL WHICH I CERTIFY to be correct and true, according to the best of my knowledge and belief, this 9th day of October, 188 2

(☞ Sign full name.) Charles May, *Proposed P. M.*

I CERTIFY that I have examined the foregoing statement, and that it is correct and true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Newton L. Gleason
Postmaster at Kiowa
Colo

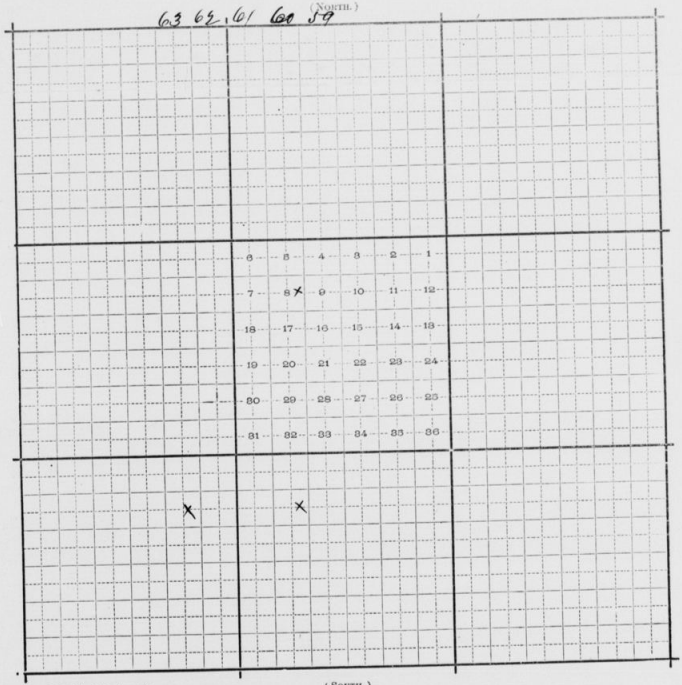
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Diagram *showing the site of the* Claud *Post Office in Township* 7 (N. or S.), *Range* 60 (E. or W.) *of* ____ *Principal Meridian, County of* Elbert, *State of* Colorado, *with the adjacent Townships and Post Offices.*

It is requested that the exact site of the proposed or existing Post Office, as also the roads to the adjoining offices, and the larger streams or rivers, be marked on this diagram, to be returned as soon as possible to the Post Office Department.



Scale ½ inch to the mile.

(South.)